



MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: T. KATO et al
Serial No. 10/219,268
Filed: August 16, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: S. Song
For: OPTICAL MODULE, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING OPTICAL MODULE AND
OPTICAL COMMUNICATION APPARATUS



REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner of Patents
MS: Patent Application
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/219,268, filed on August 16, 2002, entitled OPTICAL MODULE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING OPTICAL MODULE AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION APPARATUS, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee										\$ 770.00
Total Claims	1	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	\$	0.00
Total Filing Fee										\$ 770.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-19 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

The above-referenced patent application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/219,268, filed August 16, 2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/788,341, filed on February 21, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,457,877, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/480,478, filed on January 11, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,220,764, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial

No. 09/402,585, filed October 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,282,352.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1A-6.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

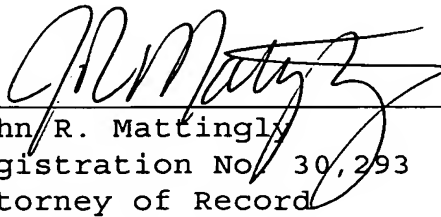
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

09-089490 filed 8 April 1997.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed

in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/219,268, as originally filed on August 16, 2002.


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